

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the section beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten section:

**~~-- BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION~~**

The respective straws used to date for ~~this purpose~~ packed fruit juices, milks, coffees etc. have one corrugated zone (flexible zone) comprising 8-10 re-entrant overlapping folds (annular bellows folds). [The first (or the last) fold, being firm, is not counted as re-entrant overlapping fold]. To bend to obtuse angles (e.g.  $180^{\circ}$ ) due to the restricted number of folds, continuous external pressure has to be exercised. This pressure keeps being exercised by the packaging material afterwards as well. As a result the folds are permanently deformed and straightening of the straw is not possible. Also a problem is posed by the fact that all folds are expanded (unfolded) after bending of the straw. (e.g. The U-shaped straws.) --

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25 and ending at page 2, line 4 [i.e. The corrugated zone (flexible zone) of the straw according to present invention, ... the straw may bend to all directions.].

Please replace the section beginning at page 2, line 21, with the following rewritten section:

-- 2. **GB - A - 1 219 595** (~~UNION CARBIDE CORP.~~ HARP  
et al. - 20 January 1971) & **US - A - 3 641 884**  
(JIVOIN - 15 February 1972).

The above ~~Letter Patents~~ documents refer to properties of the common, plastic, straight, flexible drinking straws of general use. --

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 27 of page 2.

-- Document GB - A - 1 219 595 shows in Fig. 1 - 3 only the three positions of a re-entrant overlapping fold during using. Nowhere is stated that the straws of Fig. 1 - 3 are stored in bent position and certain folds must be contracted after bending. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Further, no ~~No~~ mention is made to straws that accompany the packaging of fruit juices, milks, coffees etc. and are continuously bent until their use. Besides, approximately 28 years have lapsed since then but no one has thought of some of the recommended innovations. --

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 10 of page 3 [i.e. the heading "**OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION**"].

**-- OBJECTS AND ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION --**

Please add the following new section after the paragraph ending on line 16 of page 3.

**-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

In accordance with the present invention a flexible drinking straw that accompany packed fruit juices, milks, coffees etc. as a part of their package and is continuously bent until its use in order to take up less space, comprising a corrugated zone (flexible zone) that comprises expanded (unfolded) re-entrant overlapping folds (annular bellows folds) and contracted (folded) re-entrant overlapping folds (annular bellows folds). --